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Corrections launches KOOL web site

Frankfort, KY – Law enforcement agencies, victims of crime, family members, friends, media representatives and the general public will now be able to obtain offender records through a KOOL system initiated, developed and implemented by the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC).

Today in Frankfort, Corrections' officials provided the media with a first-hand look at the Kentucky Offender Online Lookup (KOOL) system during a step-by-step demonstration on how to find offender information such as sentence details and Parole Board reviews. Media representatives were also given an opportunity to ask questions about the newly created KOOL system.   All information included in the records is already open to the public and is now being made readily available in an electronic, more user-friendly format.

The data, which goes back to 1978 when DOC firsts started maintaining electronic offender records, will eventually include a total of 75,000 inmates in the database – both active and inactive records. Initially, an estimated 15,500 records were included in the launching of the KOOL system. This number reflects inmates in DOC's custody who are currently incarcerated in a state or private prison, county jail or halfway house. Active parolee records will be added sometime in the near future which would then make the total somewhere around 22,500.   Inactive records will be added at a later date, which would drive the total number of records to 75,500.

Data on the KOOL system will be updated three times a day. There may be a 3-4 minute delay experienced at 9:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. while the updates are taking place.

The KOOL system will be maintained on a DOC dedicated web server and can be accessed through the Department's web site at www.cor.state.ky.us.   The entire system was developed and implemented by DOC staff and required no additional state funding.

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